

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 16, 2019

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 330 North Main Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pro Tem Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, Gary Cameron, and Megan Bradley, Student Advisor answered roll call. Mayor Pavey was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse, and Kraig Younts, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING RIVERSIDE PARK GATEWAY OCRA FUNDING – Sara Steinrock presided over the 2nd public hearing for the Gateway Park project. Steinrock gave a quick review of the project. The total cost of the project is \$2,513,809.00. The amount of CDBG funding is \$1,350,000.00. \$648,000.00 benefits low to moderate income. Berkemeier asked when the grant would be awarded. Steinrock said it would be funded within a month after application. We expect bidding in December with construction in spring. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Cameron seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

SHEEHAN REPORT: Brian Sheehan gave a project update:

1. Communication remains about the same.
2. Stellar projects completed are the Owner Occupied Rehab, Main Street Streetscape, Campaign Quarters and Windsor Housing Projects.
3. We are working on the Taff Building – We are meeting with Greg Martz and visiting other facilities for ideas.
4. Downtown Revitalization – There has been a change in the program. The minimum is now \$5,000.00 and can be a non profit.
5. Stellar funding is continuing as expected.
6. City Center – Ivy Tech has begun moving in. They will begin classes in the fall.
7. The Farmers Market open mic was well attended.
8. Housing – Talked to Joe Peacock today. They plan to start moving earth in the fall and begin building in the spring.
9. Carol Jenkins Park – Received a donation from the Davis family.
10. Intern program – We have 3 interns this summer. They have been very valuable in helping with many projects throughout the city.

11. Downtown activity - Wolf Theater purchased the bank building across the street. The Keaton office has been purchased. The Levi building has been purchased by an optometrist. Union Savings plan on beginning demolition in August.

MINUTES: Bridges moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2019 meeting as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: None.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Will begin seeing more on the Taff building in August.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – We have a concert Saturday.
- **APC/BZA** – BZA meeting tomorrow.
- **City Center** – Nothing.
- **Housing** – Nothing.
- **ECDC** – Nothing
- **Cherry Street** – Look at July 30 for a possible executive session.
- **Marketing** – Nothing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD RPORTS:

Fire – Chief Jenkins reported that we have received the \$80,000.00 for the sale of the ambulances to Muncie.

Police – Chief Tucker will be meeting with the school and Green Signs tomorrow regarding the graphics for the SRO vehicle.

The Rush County Prosecutor invested \$20,000.00 to update our interview room. This will allow us to do interviews in our building with state of the art equipment. We hope to have the project complete by July 30.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they are doing an inventory of manholes. They continue doing sidewalks and spraying for mosquitoes 3 times a week.

Park – Park Director Burklow said the motor at the pool went out. The pool was closed for 2 days. Thanks for help from Bruce Davis.

Approximately 150 kids participated in the 1st kid's day at the amphitheater.

We will have a kid's movie night July 26.

July 27 will be adult night at the pool.

August 5th the pool employees and their families will have a pitch in at the pool. Council is invited.

Met with Coon Excavating to discuss the trail at the Carol Jenkins Davis Park. We will not be paving the trail until next year.

The adult share swing is in, we plan to install it in the next couple of weeks.

We received a grant for a Futsal Court in South Memorial Park. Our goal is to complete it within 5 weeks.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Street Lights South of Town** – The agreement has been signed by Duke. We are waiting to complete the easements.
2. **CCMG Local Roads F & V** – The scope of 8th Street needs to be reviewed since it come in over budget.
3. **Cupp Property 214 E 2nd** – Newhouse sent out letters and we are waiting for a response.
4. **Stellar Taff Building August Agenda** – We continue to clean out the building. A package is going out. We hope to have more information in August.
5. **Animal Shelter**
 - a. **Phase I Pole Building Shell Addition Out to Bid 7/12/19** – Bids came in over budget. We will look at the scope and do some value engineering.
6. **Tim Bird Voluntary Annexation 1305 N Spencer** –
 - a. Resolution 2019-6 Adopting a Fiscal Plan – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2019-6 Adopting the Fiscal Plan. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b. Public Hearing August 6, 2019 – Berkemeier moved to accept the introduction of the annexation ordinance 2019-6. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2019-21 – City Support and Authority to Make Application for the OCRA Overlook Grant** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-21. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Schroeder Way:**
 - a. Deed of Dedication –
 - b. Resolution 2019-20 Dedication of Street to City – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2019-20. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - c. Petition to Accept Schroeder Way as a Street –
3. **Ordinance 2019-12 Authorizing Issuance of Taxable Economic Development Revenue Bonds Series 2019 (Cormo USA Project)** – John McCane gave a brief explanation of what has transpired. Bridges made a motion to approve Ordinance 2019-12 on 1st and 2nd readings. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried. McCane said tomorrow Cormo will have a meeting with farmers at the Root Building at 7:00 p.m.

McCane said the EDC has applied for additional funding for micro loans. This program has been pretty successful. We currently have 3 businesses that have submitted application for loans. We will meet next week on these requests. McCane asked the City to consider putting in \$15,000.00 toward the micro loan program.

4. **One Day Special Exception Allowing Alcohol at City Pool (Adult Swim Night) Resolution 2019-22** - Smith said he asked the Mayor if there would be licensed bartenders. The Mayor assured him that there would be licensed bartenders. Conner asked why we have to have alcohol. He asked If someone else comes before Council for 1 day permit will we approve that too. Burklow said this was just another way to focus on adults without kids present. The Park Board gave a favorable recommendation. The same rules of engagement will be used that we have at the amphitheater. Bridges asked if our insurance carrier was ok with this. Burklow said he will check with the insurance first thing in the morning. He also assured Council that lifeguards would be in place. The alcohol will be served in a confined area. Berkemeier made a motion to approve contingent upon verification of liability insurance coverage. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried with a vote of 4-1. Conner voted “nay”.

UPCOMING BUSINESS:

1. **July 30th Executive Session**
2. **July 30th Special Meeting**

COMMITTEE:

1. **Brian Salerno – Rushview MHP** – Bridges said they had a good meeting with the on site manager and exterior manager for the mobile home parks that Salerno owns throughout Indiana. The managers think some of the trailers are inhabitable. Jenkins will inspect all trailers. There were some issues involving dogs that have been

somewhat resolved. The owner is just not holding up his end of the agreement. There was an inspection on February 14 by the State Board of Health. Several violations were noted. The managers were not notified of this inspection until after the corrections were to have been made. Berkemeier asked what recourse we have. Jenkins said we will inspect and send orders out if necessary. Cameron said the State can pull their permit. Corrections were to have been made by May 15th per the report of February 14. Smith said we need to get together and work out a plan of action.

CLAIMS: Bridges moved to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: None.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Berkemeier moved to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.